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## MAJOR ASSAULT ON BARDIA BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED

LONDON, JAN. 3 (REUTER).—AUSTRALIAN TROOPS AT DAWN PENETRATED ONE SECTOR OF THE BARDIA DEFENCES SAYS A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE. THIS MAY ONLY HAVE BEEN A RAID BUT IT RATHER LOOKS AS IF IT IS THE FIRST MAJOR ATTACK.

### ITALIAN FLIGHT CONTINUES

#### Albanians Raid Tirana

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Latest reports from Albania indicate that the Italians are still being pushed back and are being harried more and more by Albanian irregulars in their rear.

**TRIPOLI BOMBED BY R. A. F.**

#### Middle East Raids

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Two heavy raids on shipping in Tripoli harbour were carried out by the Royal Air Force during Wednesday night, says a communique.

During the first attack bombs straddled the south-east mole and five cruisers moored there, other bombs hitting the Customs jetty and one ship and starting several fires near seaplane hangars.

Explosions and fresh fires followed and a seaplane hangar started burning.

During the second raid, direct hits were registered on the Customs jetty, causing fires and three explosions, probably on ships moored alongside. Two large motor vessels were hit, clouds of heavy smoke resulting.

#### Fires Visible For 60 Miles

The fires were visible for over 60 miles.

Bardia was again subjected to a series of raids on the same night, large fires being started among the stores and buildings.

Two further raids were made on Thursday, mainly on a motor transport concentration and encampment west of the town, causing considerable damage, the extent of which was confirmed by photographs.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out in Italian East Africa, but there is nothing outstanding to report.

From all these operations, all British aircraft returned safely.

#### Queen Elizabeth Recrosses Atlantic

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that the liner Queen Elizabeth has successfully recrossed the Atlantic from New York to Cape Town en route for an undisclosed destination.

During her voyage, the Queen Elizabeth did not sight enemy craft of any kind.

## Hopkins For London To Represent Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt disclosed to-day that he is shortly sending to Britain Mr Harry Hopkins, former Secretary of Commerce, as his personal representative until a new ambassador is appointed to succeed Mr Joseph Kennedy.

President Roosevelt added that Mr Hopkins would have no official status and no duties outside Britain, his duties being to maintain personal contacts with the British Government.

The President said that he expected to nominate a new ambassador to the Senate next week.

The success of these first operations will determine whether or not the major attack develops on a full scale at once.

The Australians were assisted by tanks and Cairo reports that the operations are continuing.

Bardia is not just a port; it is a supply base and was the headquarters for the Italian army when it was in Egypt.

It is reported that some 20,000 Italians are still in the city.

#### Strong Defences

"REUTER'S" OUTSIDE BARDIA

Jan. 3.—The outer defences of Bardia are very extensive stretching from Waddi Rahib, a coastal point about five miles north of Bardia, in a semi-circle reaching about four miles inland and meeting the coast again at Waddi Maatred, some four miles south of Bardia.

This outer ring comprising about forty posts is supplemented by further lines within the perimeter. Each defended post is manned by thirty to forty soldiers and is linked to the next post by barbed wire entanglements.

In addition, a tank trap trench 10 feet wide and about ten feet deep, runs round the greater portion of the defences.

#### Italian Communique

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A communique issued by the R.A.F. Headquarters states that British planes bombed the centre of El Basso yesterday with high explosive and incendiary bombs, starting three large fires. All the British planes returned safely.

#### Advance on Valona SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STRUGA, Jan. 3 (UP).—Frontier reports say that a Greek column advanced along the Susten river valley in the face of fierce Italian resistance to a point 12 miles southeast of Valona.

In the Kilia sector, the Greeks are advancing along the main road towards Berat and this morning occupied the village of Bubesi, five miles northwest of Kilia. The losses on both sides were very small because the main body of Italians had previously been withdrawn. The Greeks captured three officers and 180 men, three machine-guns and one automotruk.

#### Greek Devotion

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Carried on a stretcher for four days over the Albanian mountains by Greek soldiers and with a broken leg and bullet wound in the elbow, a Royal Air Force pilot of a British bomber, which was last seen in flames over the Italian lines in southern Albania 12 days ago, has just arrived at his base.

The entire crew had been given up as lost. The air gunner was killed but the observer arrived back with the pilot. When the pilot jumped from the machine, he had already had a bullet through the elbow but as he fell, part of the parachute harness caught round his leg and as the parachute opened, his leg was broken.

#### Parachute Fire At

"Even as I was sailing down, an Italian fighter came after me and put 20 bullets through the parachute," he said.

The pilot landed heavily as the result of the punctured parachute.

After lying on the ground for half an hour, he was found by a Greek

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#### DUBLIN PROTEST

#### Eire Roused By Bombings

DUBLIN, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Eire Department of External Affairs says: "Fragments of explosive and incendiary bombs dropped at Curragh, Julianstown, Muleck and Borris have been examined and found to be of German origin."

The Charge d'Affaires in Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest to the German Government against violation of Irish territory by German aircraft and the loss of life and destruction of property which resulted from the bomb explosions and fire.

He was further instructed to claim full reparation and insist that effective steps be taken to avoid a recurrence of such happenings.

In other words, there is no man more able to bring the President and the Prime Minister closer together across the 3,000 miles of the Atlantic

### TAKE OUR TIP HITLER, DON'T TRY IT!

It might do Hitler a lot of good if he could see these two pictures. They illustrate Britain's preparedness against any invasion attempt, showing an East Anglican field regiment standing by at action stations, awaiting the order to fire, and a mighty mite of the M.G.'s tythe of Britain's forces ready—nay anxious—to renew acquaintance with the Boches they trounced in Belgium.



## Entertainment Tax To Be Increased

### Official Announcement

The field of "entertainment" is invaded to cull taxes to meet war expenditure in the Colony by an amending Ordinance published in the "Government Gazette" this morning.

The minimum entrance fee on which tax is chargeable is lowered from 20 cents to four cents and it is announced that the duties on all other admission fees will be increased.

The amount of the increase is not given because this will be decided in Legislative Council later when the Hon. Financial Secretary makes known his requirements.

The amendment published to-day clears the ground for such action.

It is explained that "as the War Expenditure of the Colony recently undertaken or contemplated exceeds the estimate of revenue from the War Taxation Ordinance, the question of introducing a Resolution into the Legislative Council providing for an increase in the above rates has had to be considered."

#### Present Rates

The rates at present in force (Since 1930) are as follows:

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exceeds \$2 and does not exceed \$3 30 cents

exceeds \$3 and does not exceed \$4 40 cents

exceeds \$4 and does not exceed \$5 50 cents

exceeds \$5 ... 50 cents for the first \$5 and 20 cents for each additional \$5 or part thereof.

## EXCHANGE FUND

### Buoyant Position

The position of the Exchange Fund on June 30 last shows that the total assets amounted to £12,597,727, of which 71.80 per cent. was held in gilt-edged sterling securities, 28.10 per cent. on deposit in London at call or short notice and 0.10 per cent. in silver.

The Certificates of Indebtedness outstanding amounted to £17,031,630, which is equivalent to £11,064,477 at 3d. the middle market rate on that day.

During the six months ended on that day the Fund purchased a further small quantity of silver subsidiary coins to be refined and marketed. No sales of silver were effected, and the Fund operated in the local exchange market as found necessary.

## BLOCKADE LEAKAGE

### Russia Supplying Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Mr Hugh Dalton, the Minister of Economic Warfare, said to-day that an increasing amount of

United States cotton is entering Vladivostok. He expressed concern at this apparent "leak" in the blockade of Germany, inasmuch as Russia imports more than Russian requirements.

Mr Dalton said that scrap rubber and other products from the United States were also entering Vladivostok, transported by United States and Panamanian ships. The shipments to Vladivostok diminished a few months ago, but are now resuming serious proportions.

## Touts To Be Barred

### Putting End To Ticket Selling Racket

An explanation couched in strong language is published to-day with a draft of a Bill to amend the Place of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, in the "Government Gazette."

The amendment forbids anybody to sell, or offer or exhibit or possess for sale, or solicit the purchase of any ticket or voucher to any licensed public entertainment anywhere except at the box-office, and then only at the official price. The penalty for infringement is \$250.

Under "Objects and Reasons" it is stated:

"The object of the proposed new section... is to put an end to a ticket-selling racket which has grown into an intolerable nuisance."

#### Gangs of Touts

"Briefly, the trouble is that touts, acting for individuals or gangs who have bought quantities of tickets in advance, stand about in the streets adjoining and the entrance halls of and approached to, cinemas, theatres and sports grounds, sometimes even obstructing the entrances, box-offices or turnstiles, importuning would-be entrants to buy their tickets from them, and often representing that all other seats are fully booked."

"Not only have complaints against this nuisance been received from entertainment organisers and the public, but there is cause to believe that the operations of gangs or roughs, interested in the sale at their own prices of these tickets, have resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre."

## Cardiff Puts Out Its Fires: Vicious Raid

### Special to the "Telegraph"

CARDIFF, Jan. 3 (UP).—All the big fires which were started in last night's raid were extinguished this morning and public services are proceeding fairly smoothly.

There was an extensive fire in a printing works.

The nurses in one hospital superintended the removal of hundreds of patients without casualties.

Time bombs fell in some areas and the householders evacuated.

Bombs caused havoc in several streets and the ruins are reminiscent of Ypres during the world war.

A large school and a church were also gutted, while incendiary bombs fell on many other churches.

## Thunderbolt Is The Thetis

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—The submarine "Thunderbolt" which the Admiralty announced had sunk an Italian submarine, was formerly the "Thetis" which met disaster in Liverpool Bay June 1, 1939 during her trial trips.

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## "Funiety" Well Received

### TO HELP CHARITY FUNDS

Never a dull moment marred a well arranged programme of variety numbers presented by a group of amateur artists at the China Fleet Club last night. In aid of the Society for the Protection of Children, the production was entitled "Funiety" and as the word indicates, there was any amount of fun.

The honour was interspersed with vocal numbers, excellently rendered, and short sketches.

The opening number featured all the members of the company made up as Charlie Minstrels and every item performed was well received by a fairly large and appreciative audience which revelled in the topical jokes.

Featuring in the vocal quartettes were Freddy Archer, George Frost, William Knight and Bill Samways, and songs were also sung by G. Frost, B. Samways, F. Archer, Nellie Field, Elvie Yuen, and Tommy King. All the numbers sung were well applauded as was the act of Allison Fisher in a "Personality Girl."

John Gilchrist presented a club swingline which proved very popular and "Mylo the Memory Man" was featured in a triple memory test that was warmly received. Les Gibson and Doris Shields gained much applause in their act "When Magician Meet."

The show was produced by David Kosick who was himself an able member of the cast.

Others who contributed to the success of the production were Monty Dilton, Mickey de Sousa, Maude Mather, William Knight, Gertrude Goddard, Frank Lee and Stanley Hinckley.

Plano accompaniments were played by Mickey de Sousa, Jack Fountain and Freddy Archer. One of Nellie Field's numbers was arranged by George Goncharoff.

## Reshuffle Of Vichy Cabinet

Vichy, Jan. 3. Reorganisation of the Vichy Cabinet was announced today. M. Paul Baudouin resigned the post of Defense Secretary. A triumvirate consisting of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flindin has been formed to direct the country under Marshal Pétain's orders. It is understood that these three hold most of the Cabinet posts.—Reuters Bulletin.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

#### Vicar to Preach at Choral Eucharist

#### PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 8—2nd Sunday, after Christmas. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by the Parish breakfast, in Mr Wong's house, No. 3 Flint Road.

9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist and sermon. Preacher: Rev. Wm. F. D. D. General President, Lutheran Church of China.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer in Mandarin.

11.30 a.m. Communion. 12.30 p.m. Monday, January 8—Feast of the Epiphany. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.

Hymns: "Gradual" 10. The Mass of the Epiphany. Recessional 450. O God, our help in ages past.

Wednesday, January 10—Wolf Cub meet in the Vicarage 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, January 9—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Guild of Martin and Mary meet in the Vicarage 10 a.m.; Full choir practice. Church 10.30 p.m.

Friday, January 10—Christ Church Fellowship Annual Meeting, Supper and Party, in the Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11—Christ Church Boys' Club games on the church grounds, 3-5 p.m.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

#### (31 MACDONNELL ROAD)

Service on Sunday, January 5.

The subject of the lesson sermon is all Christian Science Church to-morrow will be "God."

The Old Testament will be: "Praise waiteth for thee, O God in Zion; and unto thee shall the vowe be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." (Psalm 102:12)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh her young up in her feathers, beareth them on her wings, and bringeth them to her." (Deut. 32:11, 12)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "In divine science, we have no art, no man, no man, no consideration of God's masculinity, as we have for considering His femininity. For Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity. . . . Spirit fully feeds and clothes every object, and makes them useful, responsible and law-abiding citizens. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mr Ho Shiu-que; Vice-

President, Mr Wong Kwok-fong and Mr K. S. Fung; Treasurer, Mr Li Siu-wing; and Secretary, Mr Arthur V. Wong. The Board of Directors are:

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Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong, in Bank of China Building, The First Circuit of Christ, Scientist, in (Bank of China) No. 31, Macdonnell Road, close to the Kowloon Station, Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. In the Vicarage, the church building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. The authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

### METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

#### Annual Covenant Service And Holy Communion

Services on Sunday, January 5.

Preachers—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. H. P. Buhton.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m.

This will be followed by the Annual Communion Service with Holy Communion.

Hymn No. 659. Prayer, Hymn No. 133. First Lesson, Hymn No. 694. Second Lesson, Prayer, Offertory, Hymn No. 519. Sermon, Hymn No. 60. Genealogy No. 519. Service No. 519.

Notices for the Week

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held in the S. & S. Home for the benefit of members and civilians who will be warmly welcomed.

There will be no meeting for Prayer and Fellowship on Tuesday.

The Annual Service is meeting at the S. & S. Home, Monday at 7 p.m. and on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Board has also approved another grant of \$1000 per month for January.

H. A. Wittenbach towards relief work under his direction, at Tsui Hang and Shukti.

Attention is drawn to the Universal Week of Prayer, commencing Jan. 6, during which meetings will be held, every day, in St John's Cathedral at 8.30 a.m. On Sunday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. in the United Service in the English Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m. Cordial invitation is given to all friends to share in these gatherings.

### UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, January 5—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. H. P. Burton; Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Jones.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the close of Morning Worship.

### EMMANUEL CHURCH (185 NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday—11 a.m. Morning Worship followed by Communion Service. Preacher: Rev. Robert Ament of the C.I.M.; 3 p.m. Sunday School. Young Men's Bible Class at 9.30 a.m. Young Women's Bible Class at 10.30 a.m. Second Service 8 p.m. Gospel Message. Speaker: Rev. Lee Lin-wang.

Tuesday—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Class at 9.30 a.m. Woodland, Mrs. Lester, Mrs. G. H. G. C. Y. P. C.

Wednesday—2.30 p.m. Women's Sewing Circle at Mrs. Chung's at 702, Nathan Road; 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Leader: Rev. J. R. Spence. Subject: Prayer and the Holy Spirit.

Monday and Friday, Bible Study Classes as usual.

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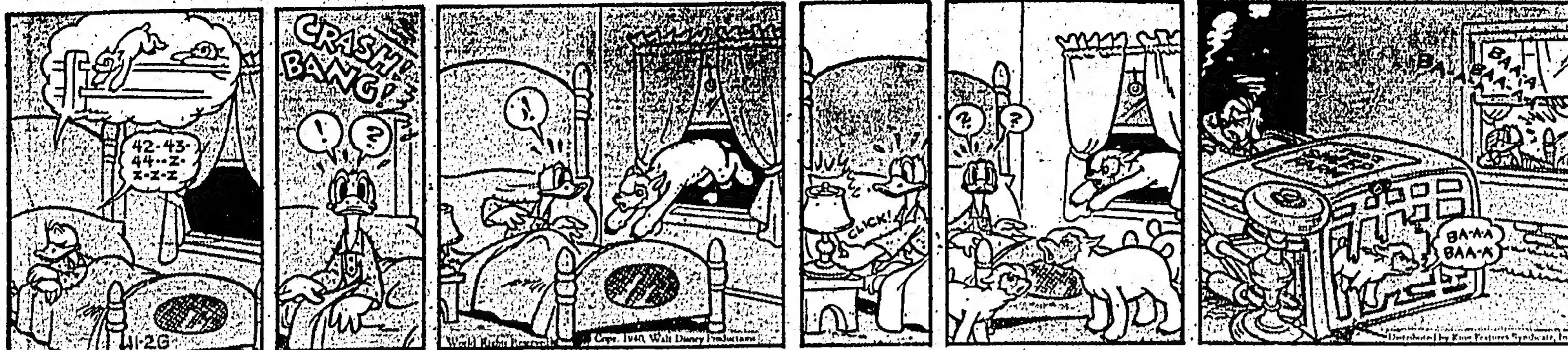
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## CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The outstanding event this week was the forceful and clear statement of policy made by President Roosevelt. It left no room for doubt in the minds of the Axis partners that the people of the United States, as far as lay in their power, were determined to aid Britain in order to bring about the defeat of Germany and Italy. Just as Britain has always been regarded as the guarantor of liberal institutions in Europe, (although through the centuries she herself has been immune from attack because of the surrounding sea) so now President Roosevelt links up his own people with that policy.

There can be no talk of peace, because there can be no compromise in this matter. Nations that have been free and independent must remain free and independent. It is unthinkable that countries in which tolerance and freedom reigned should become enslaved by those who have proved by their actions that their way of life and thought are contrary to those ideals for which civilisation has stood. The concentration camp and the Gestapo are not isolated and temporary phenomena, they are symptoms of a diseased state of mind, with which democracy cannot and will not come to terms.

That is why President Roosevelt says emphatically that appeasement is out of the question, and having said so, he naturally takes the necessary steps to ensure the destruction of these pernicious systems which threaten in all parts of the world the citadels of liberty, good order, justice and the significance of the individual. Even if the United States, with its wide stretches of ocean on both sides of the continent, were able to maintain peace within her own borders, she could not possibly enjoy peace of mind, since her tradition of social order which is derived from and is an intensified form of that freedom prevailing in Britain, could not survive. Their conviction in its worth would be challenged and undermined by that minority which is weak at present but which would soon be strengthened by the failure of the democratic system in Europe.

The political education of America is proceeding apace just as Japan links that the

along these lines and President Roosevelt's speech marks the stage which has now been reached. It is no longer a sentimental interest which America takes in the fate of the British Empire. There is a realisation that the grim struggle in Europe is a drama in which her own future is heavily involved.

## AXIS TROOPS MOVEMENTS

The influx of German troops into Rumania is interpreted in a variety of ways, and probably that is the purpose of these manoeuvres. Action for action's sake is a slogan in Germany, which since the advent of the Nazis to power has suffered from a sort of St. Vitus' dance.

First the troops are concentrated in the Channel ports ready for an invasion of England; then there is the threat to go through France and Spain; now they are drafted to Rumania, with the object of marching through Bulgaria, or Yugoslavia into Greece. Other divisions are said to be in Italy to stiffen the failing morale of his epileptic partner; and so allies are kept on tenterhooks wondering where, when and how the blow will fall.

If, however, these movements keep the allies guessing, they also indicate that Hitler himself is at a loss what to do, now that the situation has crystallised. Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are no longer amenable to Axis pressure. Even Marshal Petain is showing signs of the old spirit "They shall not pass," and all this follows from the courageous efforts put forward by the Greeks in stemming and turning the tide of the Italian invasion. The collapse of Italy, too, in the Mediterranean emphasises President Roosevelt's considered statement that Hitler is not going to win this war.

## JAPAN'S DESIRE

Japan's desire to do something for Germany in the Far East is tempered by the fear that she may be doing something at the same time very damaging to her own interests, especially in view of President Roosevelt's interpretation of the meaning of the tripartite pact and of his statement that the American fleet will remain in the Pacific. The German troops on the Russian border in Europe may lessen the pressure of Russia on the Eastern border for Japan, but this can do nothing to relieve the naval pressure in the Pacific.

The danger of the present situation lies in the fact that the

## KING OF ITALY'S GREETING

The New Year greeting of King Victor Emmanuel either means that he is not in agreement with Mussolini's policy or that he is currying favour with President Roosevelt in order that he might intercede with the Allies for favourable terms when the final reckoning comes. What the Fascist party does not see, but what King Victor Emmanuel does see, is that Italy under no circumstances can retain her overseas Empire—now that she has abandoned all hope of controlling the Mediterranean—except with the goodwill of Britain. That has to be regained and the Prime Minister has clearly indicated how it can be done.

It is not exceptional for the head of one state to send greetings to the head of another, but it is not usual to do so when one of them has just denounced the other's form of government and has declared to the world his intention of sending all possible aid to its enemy, in order to bring about its destruction. It suggests that there is now an open cleavage between Mussolini and King Victor Emmanuel.

## STALIN AND RUSSIA

Judging from Stalin's address to his people at New Year, it would seem that Russia is extremely anxious about the future. She sees everyone of her strategic moves during the past year countered and neutralised by Germany with whom she has a pact.

Her incursion into Finland was followed by the occupation of Denmark and Norway, her seizure of the Bukovina and Transcarpathia led to the occupation of Rumania and Hungary. Russia's policy of detachment from the European struggle was dictated by the hope that Germany would exhaust herself in the war and would be in no position to threaten her. Stalin thought that he was contributing to Germany's weakness and adding to his own strength but it has not turned out that way. He now sees that Hitler's appetite grows with what it feeds upon, and that the wheat lands of the Ukraine, and the oil wells at Baku are within the German purview of conquest, both being necessary to a self-contained Reich.

No wonder Stalin is gravely anxious about the year 1941. He now realises that the Führer uses pacts to advance his own interests and discards them when those interests are served. Russia's advances therefore have merely brought her into closer contact with her powerful and traditional enemy—Hitler, who it must be admitted, has never concealed his contempt for Stalin and all his works.

If therefore Stalin in his New Year message warns the people to be ready because of the serious menace confronting them, it can be Germany against whom he is directing his thoughts.



## "TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

There is every logical reason in the meantime, it is almost to believe that the start of 1941 incomprehensible that the Japanese should still—although occasionally—refer to than at the corresponding period the so-called three-power pact. Even if it were possible

Last year, Germany, at this time, was boasting that by the Spring, she would have an army of 6,000,000—ready for anything. That army, apart from the 1940 continental blitzkrieg—remains inactive. Hitler has now abjured it to be ready to defend itself against attack from the rest of the world.

Goering's 1940 New Year's message bragged that the German Air Force was then "prepared for an encounter such as the world has never known."

Apart from the indiscriminate bombing and the wicked destruction of priceless architecture, that air force has done practically nothing which might be supposed to aid a German victory.

Her war with China continues. It will continue until she manages to extricate herself from an impossible position. China is too vast to be so easily swallowed, and with a sure and steady increase in her measures of defence, she is undoubtedly nearing the day when, like Britain, the offensive will be in her hands.

It is quite obvious that the Japanese Navy cannot conquer China, neither can it assist, to any appreciable extent, Japan's army on Chinese soil. On the other hand, China can so develop her air force that the day must come when Chinese squadrons will set out for targets in Japan.

However, that problem is not ours. We are merely determined to preserve our rights and institutions, primarily against the assault of the Germans. That we are able to assert ourselves, but to assert ourselves, is of great consolation, and it is because of this assurance that

it is because of this assurance that the spirit of the people of the British Isles has become stronger than the strongest steel. The people at home are resigned to suffering, but determined, with the aid of the Empire and the United States, to thrash the feds who are responsible for the suffering.

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2. Plaster your new baggage with old clothes or tell the bellman to take the luggage through the basement entrance.

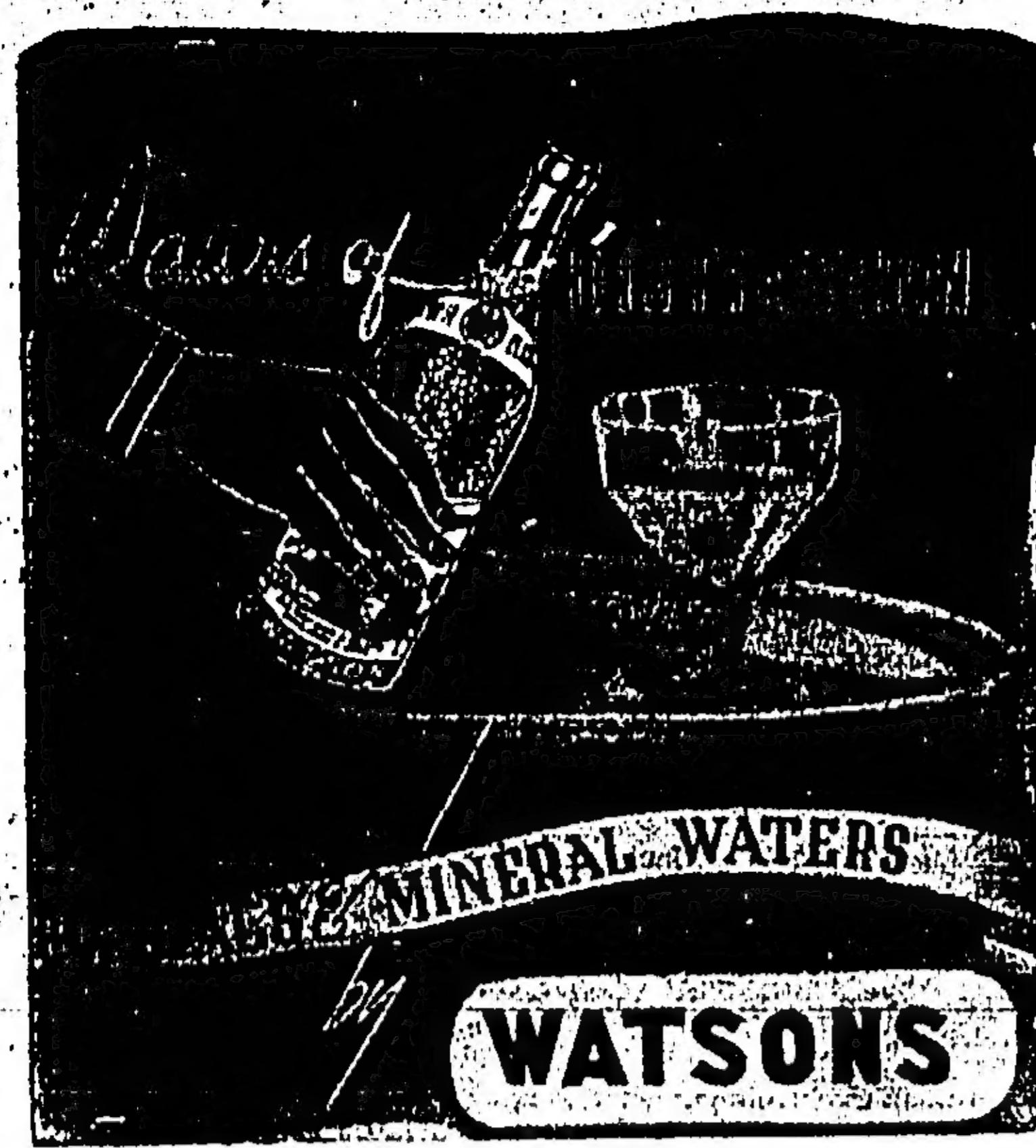
3. When you go to the hotel desk to register, either take her with you or gently push her down in a chair in the lobby. But if you take her to the desk, contradict everything she says.

4. Don't be polite to her when you reach the elevator. Just put your hand in the small of her back and sort of shove her in.

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### DEATH

STOKES.—At the Matilda Hospital on January 3, 1941, Walter James Stokes, aged 78 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

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### HITLER'S DILEMMA

HITLER appears to be indulging in another change of strategy—probably more enforced than voluntary. Since his partner Mussolini has suffered reverse after reverse in the Greece campaign and a shocking setback in the Middle East, Hitler is bound to regard the position of the Axis in the Mediterranean with profound misgiving. In fact, it has become imperative for him to make some big effort to resuscitate his cause in this theatre of the war. Hence the decision to afford Italy the assistance of part of his air force, with the simultaneous withdrawal of Italian machines from the west in order to make the effort as concentrated and powerful as possible.

The Axis has three tremendous problems to face: how to stage an invasion of Britain; how to gain redress in the Mediterranean; and how to bring gallant little Greece to her knees. Germany is undeniably powerful, but it is inconceivable that she believes herself, even with the assistance of Italy, capable of tackling these three issues simultaneously. Unless the transfer of German planes to Italy and the concentration of troops in the Balkans is a feint, it would seem that Hitler has decided once again to turn his attention from that all-engrossing, but formidable proposition of invading Britain.

The signs are that the Nazi dictator is far from happy about his position at the moment. The conquest of France promised him unexpected and boundless possibilities; he found himself in a position to believe in a complete victory within a period that previously had been beyond his wildest imagination. Then came the extraordinary work of the Royal Air Force to thwart him; later theiasco of the Italian expedition to Greece, still later a growing hostility and opposition from men in France whom he thought had been completely under his control; then the brilliant British campaign in Egypt which, almost overnight, destroyed the Axis dream of triumph in the Middle East.

Hitler is still in a position which allows him to take the initiative, but he has no longer a single purpose; neither is his dilemma a self-imposed one. He is not likely to stake all on a successful Mediterranean offensive; on the other hand he cannot, under any circumstances, afford to sustain defeat in this theatre, for then would his hopes of an occupation of Britain be completely shattered.

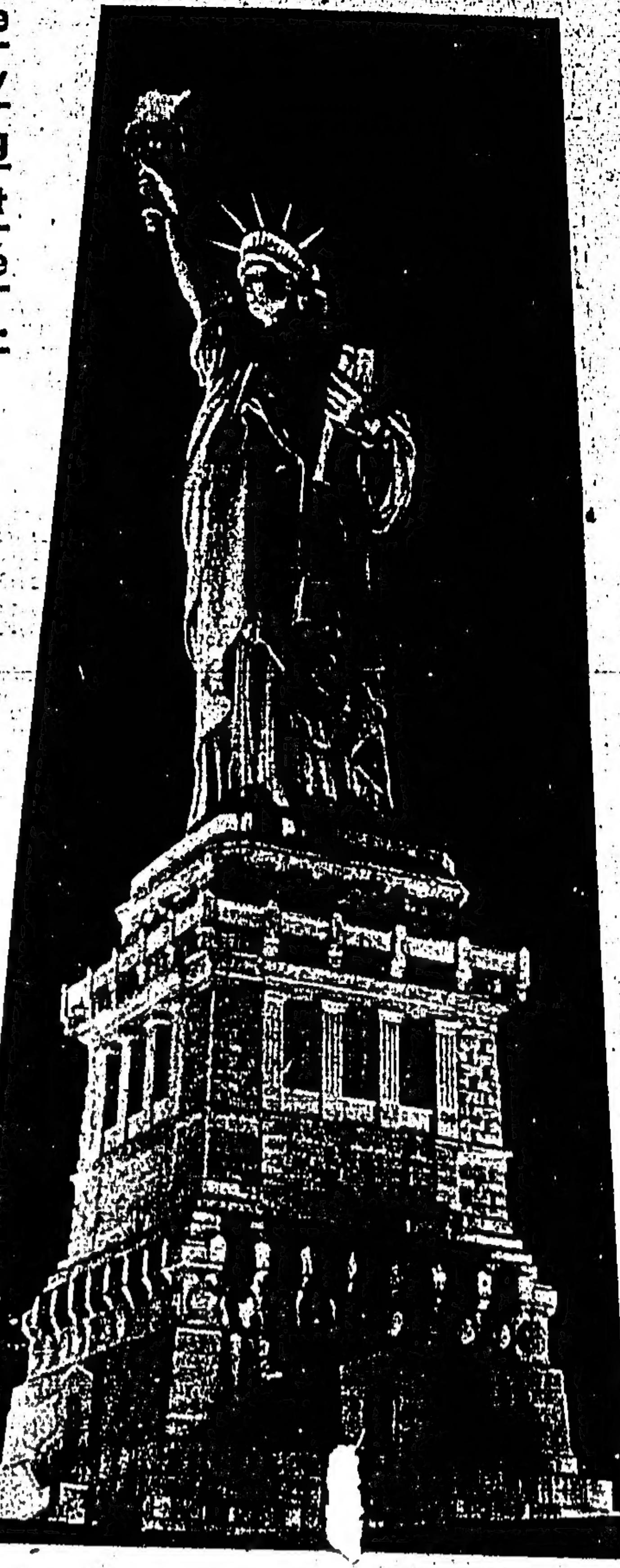
**ROBERT NEVILLE, Foreign Editor of the famous New York paper "PM," who is now in Hongkong, has written the accompanying article specially for the "Telegraph." It reveals in vivid phrases the real attitude of the United States towards the war.**

ON my recent visit to Chungking I discovered that Dr. Hollingworth, chief glad-handing of Free China, was assigned by the Generalissimo to welcome to the Chinese capital two classes of visitors: foreign missionaries and foreign journalists. At first I was inclined to think this an odd combination, something like oil and water, but later on I came to accept

anything (within reason) that I feel deeply that neither Mr Roosevelt nor Mr Hull has been quite clear or sufficiently indiscreet in defining American policy toward the conflicts now raging practically all the way from waffles and sausages, or that in a few points.

ONE must remember that for years we Americans have viewed with alarm the tendency of our diplomats abroad to go European. Send a middle-westerner to Berlin, for instance, and before long he will be writing a capital "S" to look like a swastika. Give a southerner a post in Paris and he will soon acquire the habit of sitting in open-air cafes, drinking champagne and sporting Legion of Honour decorations in his lapel. Let a corn-fed Missourian proceed to London and he is certain to start week-ends with lords and ladies and, horror of horrors, will soon be turning up at St James's Palace in knee breeches. Let me add, incidentally, that it never worried us for one minute that our American Ambassadors were frequently mistaken for people right on questions which, to him, are terribly important.

All this may seem trivial to Europeans, but to us it was the very essence of the reason why, in the dark halls of tangled Old World diplomacy, we were invariably outwitted. Now Mr Roosevelt



# America Learns How To Non-Intervene!



The author—Robert Neville

## LETTERS

### Universal Week of Prayer

To the Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I wonder if we might have the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your many readers who may not have seen the posters and pamphlets dealing with the matter, that the Universal Week of Prayer will begin on Monday, January 6, and continue until Sunday, January 12. Each evening of this week, brief services of prayer, lasting approximately half an hour, will be held in St John's Cathedral, at 8.30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 12 a combined service of all the non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will be held in the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, at 6.30 p.m.

These services will be conducted by clergymen of the various non-Roman churches of the Colony, and we cordially invite all who believe in the Power of prayer, to unite with us and all our fellow-Christians through-

out the world, at any, or all of these times.

Further steps towards unity will be taken when on Thursday the 9th and Sunday the 12th, all Christian people are invited to share in the Community Services which will follow immediately after the Service of Prayer and the United Service, respectively.

Further details concerning the Universal Week of Prayer may be had from the posters displayed at the Star Ferries, Peak Tram stations, and business premises in the city, to all of whom we are grateful for this measure of publicity.

It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to stress the need of human penitence and divine intercession at a moment in history such as this, so it is with the confidence that we shall have a sympathetic understanding and cooperation that we bring the matter to the consideration of all who have the world's true welfare at heart.

On behalf of the various non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

J. L. WINSON.

E. MORISON.

played and the Star-Spangled Banner sung. If America were to drop non-intervention and adopt war as a policy, I would advise Britons to be cautious about dancing in the streets. They might come to regret it.

We Americans are impetuous about cure-alls and after this war there is simply no predicting what we might want to do to Europe. The last time self-determination of peoples was going to solve everything. That having so shockingly failed, we would in all probability this time do something very drastic. I could imagine, for example, our deciding that what gets Europe into such an unhappy mess every 25 years is war. It is possible that we might figure out that there were too many languages in Europe and decree universal Esperanto. It is even conceivable that we would experiment with California's "ham-and-eggs" plan of presenting everybody with \$30 every Thursday, or with Dr Townsend's of giving all over 60 a cheque for \$200 every month. We might order the French to plough up every other row of champagne grapes or the Italians to double their consumption of spaghetti. We are capable of an infinite variety of dangerous solutions.

Every once in a while I hear the British expressing gratitude for America's help in the war. I hate to hear it. The U.S.A. is definitely not an altruistic nation to-day. Mr Roosevelt is nothing if not a believer in the quid pro quo, and for that most Americans are rather proud of him. There is even some talk in the U.S. of building an American Empire. Your correspondent, who fervently hopes that all such loose conversation will die out, nevertheless does not need to draw diagrams to show how that might affect the settling-down situation over the British Empire.

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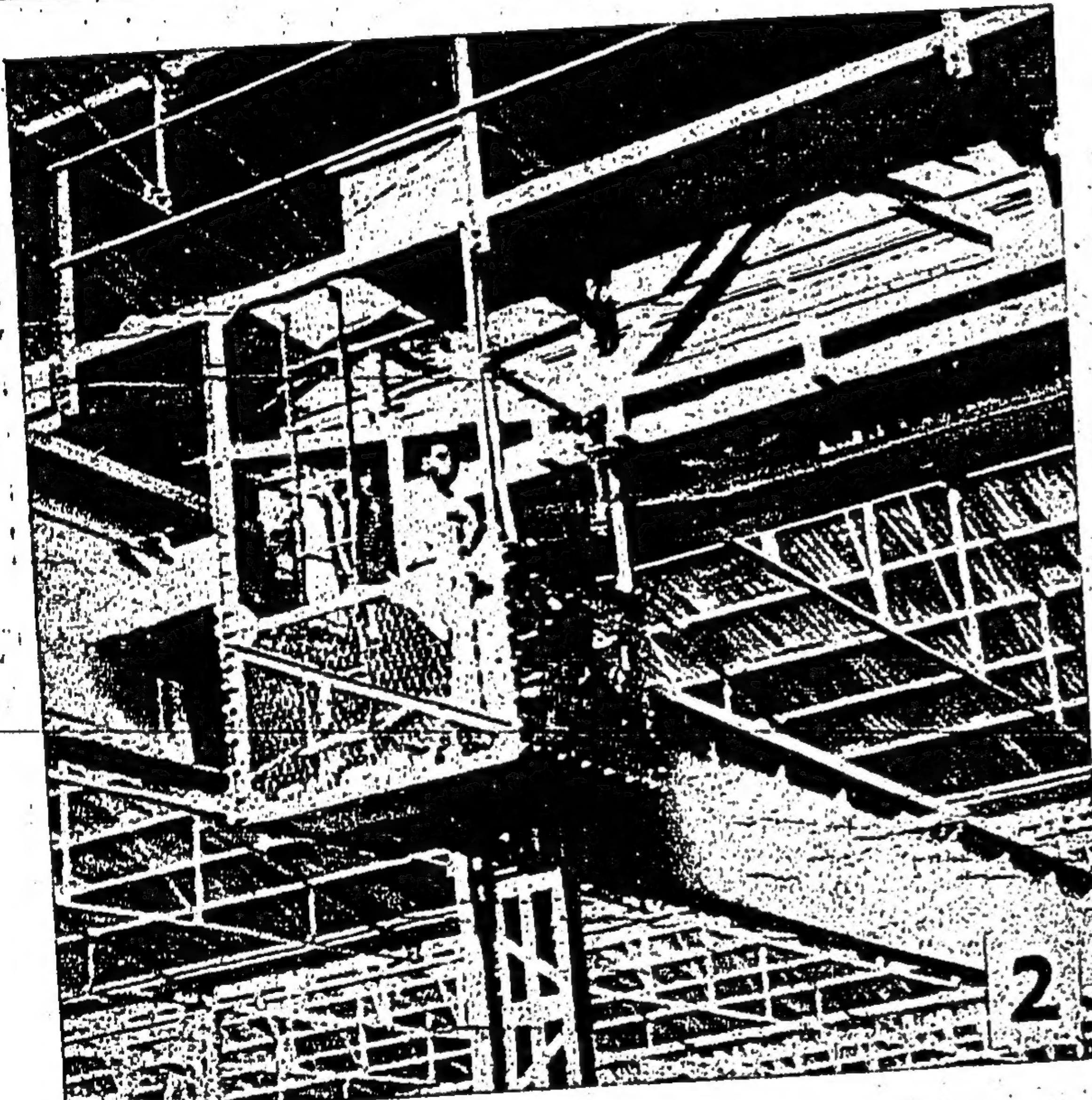
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## The Singapore Base

One reason why Singapore, and, in particular, the Sembawang district of Singapore, was chosen for the site of the Naval Base when the decision to build it was reached in 1921 was that it is ideally situated strategically and is particularly well placed for defence.

The base is designed to provide all the facilities required by a battle fleet, dry docks, repair workshops, stores, stocks of munitions and so on—and that is a function it can fulfil to perfection, so complete and up-to-date is its equipment.

Possessing these facilities, the British Fleet controls the South China Seas and the trade routes of the western Pacific.

One of the features of the Base is the King George VI graving dock, which, towed out to Singapore, is capable of accommodating the largest battleship afloat.

Interesting glimpses of the Base are obtained from the pictures on this page, which are issued by the Ministry of Information. 1. A British warship entering the dockyard. The floating dock is seen beyond. 2. In one of the storehouses, a travelling crane with its native operator. 3. A cruiser coming alongside. Workshops of the Base and a giant crane are seen in the background. 4. One of the splendid buildings affording shore accommodation for the Fleet. 5. A view of the heavy machinery at the Base.

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## THE TRUTH: American Evacuation From China

A locally unpublicised but tremendously important chapter on Japanese-American trade relations in China, having direct bearing on the evacuation advice from Washington, concerns the recent crisis forced upon the foreign oil companies operating in China by the Japanese controlling the occupied areas, says the Shanghai correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor." In this test the Japanese have now come out losers, not only in the immediate issue but in the whole train of recent events toward which this secret chapter contributed.

The crisis came when the Japanese tried to force two things upon the oil companies—import control for Central China similar to that already in effect in North China, and replacement of foreign oil company trademarks on their tins with marks of the Japanese who now monopolise retail trade in the occupied area.

**Demands Rejected**  
Rejecting these demands, the American oil companies followed up with the significant move of advising their personnel to stand ready for evacuation of their families. This was done prior to the Washington advice to all Far East Americans. Very likely this was designed to give the Japanese a shock. All the foreign oil companies, British as well as American, stood firm on the proposition that they would close down rather than yield, it is understood from reliable sources.

Subsequently the Washington advice (believed to be largely based on Anglo-American understanding and the announced British intention to reopen the Burma Road into China) came out, affecting all Americans and administering terrific though quietly received shock to Japanese who had been anticipating a general foreign breakdown before the "New Order in East Asia" juggernaut.

Publicity throughout the oil company crisis was rigorously avoided because of the no doubt well-founded belief by the companies that anything printed in this part of the world was bound to have an adverse effect upon their negotiations. Once the element of "face" was involved for the Japanese, it was felt by the foreign side, there would be an almost if not completely unsurmountable obstacle in the way of a Japanese retreat from the position taken. Accordingly not a whisper got out, in spite of the fact that oil company officials were called to Shanghai all the way from North China and that there were other outward signs of "something doing."

### Japan Backs Down

By the time the Japanese finally concluded to back down, they had had additional evidence that there was reason to do so. Anglo-American Far East collaboration appeared finally to have become a fact, and there were two dramatic developments only week before the quiet decision not to press the onslaught against the oil companies—the one, Britain's announcement that the Burma Road would be opened to China supplies after three months of closure, and the other, Washington's advice that non-essential Americans should leave the Far East.

In the first moves toward evacuation of wives and children, the oil companies followed up their earlier discreet threat by taking a leading part. However, it now appears clear that a problem is developing with reference to how far the American evacuation should go. There is no desire on the part of the oil companies, the banks, traders in motorcars, and a thousand other American commodities to clear out, because any such move entails a possibility that the crisis may go no further but that their place may be taken in their absence by others not easy to dislodge.



## What Sort of Men Are These Greeks?

THIS is practically the Stais is a Cypriot, and entertainment. Wine is very only story about Greece like most Cypriots, is 100 cheap and beer is very dear. That doesn't say that the per cent. British and 100 Greeks had a word for it. per cent. Greek. That com- You see, the normal drinks like cognac and wine cost something like tuppence a glass. The Greeks haven't a word bination makes him 200 per for it. They are just as cent. anti-Italian. We had speechless as the rest of us another glass of the wine of about the whole business of Samos, and he spoke of the tough little Greek warriors who are now holding up the war.

Over a glass of Samian wine—Byron eulogised the He knows something same drink if you remember about them, for, like most—Proprietor Stais, of the good Cypriots, he joined up Greek-restaurant in Percy-street, W., said:

"Like most people, we to the British forces and don't particularly like fight-fought at Salonika. nowadays. But we do like SIMPLE, agricultural people taking a smack at the ma- they are. The country is small and rugged, and the caroni-eaters." people find most of their own

Average wage is about £4 a month for better-class people. They live like fighting cocks on that. If they pay 10s. a month for their villa, they are in the swank class.

These hardy little men who have become the guardians of the Near East don't eat bread and cheese like our Tommies. They carry in their pack wooden bottles in two pieces that screw into each other. In the wooden bottle they carry olives—dark brown, oily, lovely olives.

IMPORTANT in the social life of the Greek soldier is his waistcoat. When he gets himself engaged to a girl, it is her pride and joy to sit for hour after hour and embroider a waistcoat for him. Involved, cunning patterns are stitched into it, colours are woven on top of each other in a gay loving pastiche. Every girl tries to make it bolder, more flamboyant than any other one in the village. They're not supposed to, but most of the boys wear their engagement waistcoats under their army tunics.

Gay, swarthy little men these mountain soldiers. They have an historic inspiration. They have two sets of heroes. They have their ancient heroes and they have their modern heroes.

Byron comes first of the Moderns. Of the Ancients, why, even the Greek walter will hurl Pericles at you.

There are mighty monuments of our power which will make us the wonder of this and of succeeding ages. For we have compelled every land and every sea to open a path for our valour and have everywhere planted eternal memorials of our friendship and our enmity. Such is the city for whose sake these men nobly fought and died; they could not bear the thought that she might be taken from them; and every one of us who survive should gladly toll on her behalf.

The little swarthy men have not forgotten.

## CHINA DROPS LATINISATION OF LANGUAGE

AFTER long debate, the project of official Chinese support of a Latinisation of the Chinese written language has been abandoned. The National Government Ministry of Education has decided that for both pedagogic and political reasons, the traditional Chinese character issue that does not arise when best serves Chinese purposes.

For a decade or more, characters each with a different Latinisation has been pro-moted by a small group and a Those favouring retention of few years ago a monthly the old characters say that only English language magazine 2,000 to 4,000 are actually in (Communistic in sympathy) everyday use, and Dr Y. C. was started in Shanghai where James ("Jimmy") Yen has in all Chinese words were achieved wonders in educating illiterates to read with only 1,000 particularly striking through its carefully chosen characters. liberal employment of the letter Books have been written and "X," as "Xura" for the word newspapers published with only usually written "Hwa."

Supporters of the movement which can be mastered in a few weeks at the most.



# HOLLYWOOD Nazi Spy Den

WHEN General Francisco Franco coined the sinister phrase, "Fifth Column," probably the last city in the world he had in mind was Hollywood.

Yet to-day a Nazi Fifth Column marches in Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the towns surrounding the influential motion-picture capital.

According to all indications, next to that of the New York metropolitan area, it is the largest, most rapidly growing and most active Fifth Column in the United States!

What is this Hollywood Fifth Column? How does it work?

Roughly, Hitler's Hollywood undercover armies are divided into two major groups.

One consists of professional spies and intelligence operatives. The other comprises a host of U.S. Nazis, Nazi sympathizers, German-American Bundists, propagandists and otherwise Hitler-subsidized self-appointed heralds of the New Order.

The first group is not interested in Hollywood, except in a secondary way.

Its primary concern is with the many extremely strategic defence points and industries which lie within a few miles, and sometimes yards, of the motion-picture studios.

• Marlene Dietrich, erstwhile German citizen signing her American naturalization papers. A similar photograph was distributed with a German caption representing Dietrich as "betraying her Fatherland."



The great aircraft factories of Southern California—Douglas, Lockheed, Northrup and such, where sixty per cent. of all Uncle Sam's military aeroplanes are made and tested.

The home base of the United States fleet at San Pedro. The destroyer base at San Diego. The oil fields, Fort MacArthur, the West Coast aviation stronghold of the U.S. Army at March Field.

This active, professional group of spies obviously takes its orders direct from Berlin, via San Francisco and the German consulate there, headed by the ultra-charming Captain Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's former World War commander, and later his personal adjutant.

Recently a German consular courier, one Herbert Hoeche, was arrested in Beverly Hills carrying a bag, which reputedly held, in code, plans for disabling the Panama Canal! His £3,000 bail was supplied by Captain Wiedemann.

But while the German spy swarm is concerned with a more vital game than the motion-picture industry and its people, it has a very direct contact with Hollywood.

The other day, a Hollywood producer, who has employed a German couple in his home for the past two years, happened to pick up a telephone extension and hear one of his servants talking in German.

Understanding the language himself, he was amazed to hear

jobs in an important Government official's house had been secured for them by the German intelligence.

Unless they obeyed they would never again see Germany or their relatives.

That was the first time the producer had the faintest inkling his house harboured German operatives.

A handsome, silent, extremely smart blonde chauffeur was the pride and joy of a Hollywood studio executive.

He hadn't had him long—only a few months—but the smartness of his appearance, his aristocratic bearing and polished manner made him the envy of every other limousine owner at the glittering premieres and social events of Hollywood.

The executive was pleased to turn over the gate lodge on his big estate to this jewel.

Though he noticed that many times during the night the chauffeur had visitors, though sometimes in the small hours the muffled noises of cars arriving and departing penetrated his sleep, he thought nothing of it.

Until one night, hunting his man, he strolled inside the chauffeur's quarters. There he discovered stacks of pro-Nazi pamphlets, ready to be carried out.

To his dismay, the executive

realized his home was being marred—the only downright sabotage yet reported on a Hollywood set.

used as a distributing point for Nazi literature.

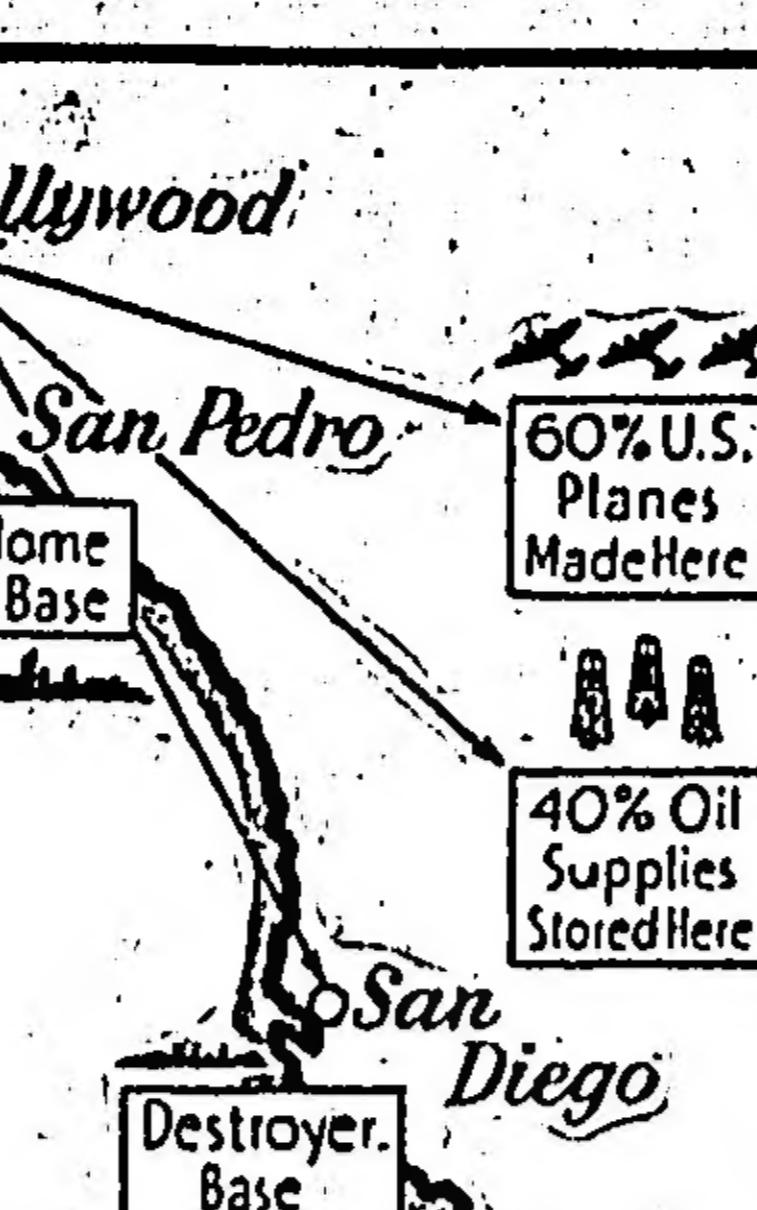
He waited up all night for the chauffeur and his propaganda crew. They never showed up.

Not all actual Nazi agents operate in the guise of menial servants in Hollywood, of course.

It is just as easy to be unnoticed by being opulent in a wealthy community such as the movie colony.

But the objectives of this second file of the Hollywood Fifth Column are different.

Their aims—strictly domestic—are (1) to discredit Hollywood anti-Nazi movie-makers, stars and all pictures which faintly repel Nazi doctrines; (2) to find and develop



extensive pamphlet campaigns were directed against the picture.

Actual Fifth Column penetration into the creative departments of Hollywood studios is having a much tougher time.

In the first place, the studios are alert to the danger and have taken measures to have filled out an extensive questionnaire covering employees' entire lives. Intimate questions about race, religion, investments, ideologies and such—never asked before—must be filled in.

In the second place, so many people must pass on the eventual form of a finished Hollywood picture that it is virtually impossible for a Nazi propagandist to inject Hitler's message into a movie undetected.

The only Hollywood incident involving a studio high up with the Nazi Fifth Column has come to light is indirect. It concerns an important producer's wife.

She started giving afternoon teas to her friends "to discuss the world situation." The talks, somehow, always led to Nazi ideology, and then out came stocks of Nazi literature.

When word of these goings-on reached her husband, the goings-on stopped right then. Just what he told his wife has not been recorded and possibly couldn't be, anyway.

Nevertheless—while Fifth Columnists are still being repulsed from the inner sanctum of Hollywood's studios, there is little doubt they have an eye to taking over eventually and Nazifying the movies if the dream of a Hitler world revolution ever spreads this far.

Hitler's American Bund Fuehrer, the discredited Fritz Kuhn, has promised "a thorough cleaning of our most important medium of propaganda and entertainment, the Hollywood film industry," when, supposedly, the great day dawns.

But Hollywood is not letting the Fifth Column tramp along entirely unharmed.

While it is true that most of the town dismisses Nazi work as fanatic, there are elements in Hollywood who take it seriously, as it certainly should be taken.

A number of privately-financed counter-espionage and counter-propaganda groups have been formed to keep tab on the progress of the Fifth Column.

One voluntary group of five, consisting of a prominent star, a writer, director, Press agent and technical research man, devotes all its off-studio time to scouting the Nazi column.

Their secret files alone could rock Hollywood. But the only ones who can see them are officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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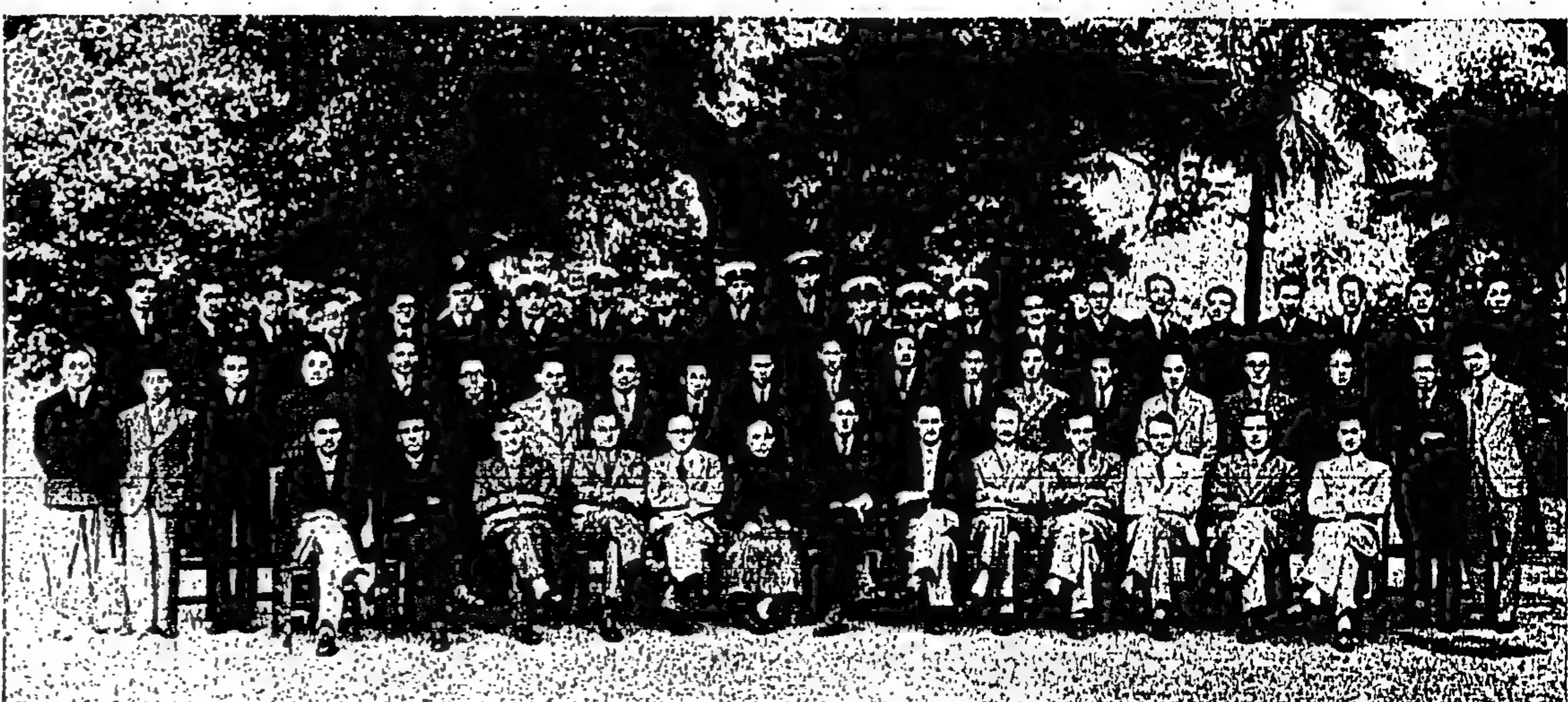
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GROUP taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church last week of Mr Leonardo Antonio Elarto and Miss Mary Juno Juno Bucks. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

THE HEAD OFFICE STAFF of the Waterworks Office, Public Works Department, taken on the occasion of the retirement of Mr Chan To-sui (centre, front row) senior Chinese clerk, after 40 years' service with the Hongkong Government. Mr Chan is seated next to Mr C. W. E. Bishop, Waterworks Engineer. Mr Forbes, Maintenance Engineer, is on Mr Bishop's left. (Photo: King's Studio).

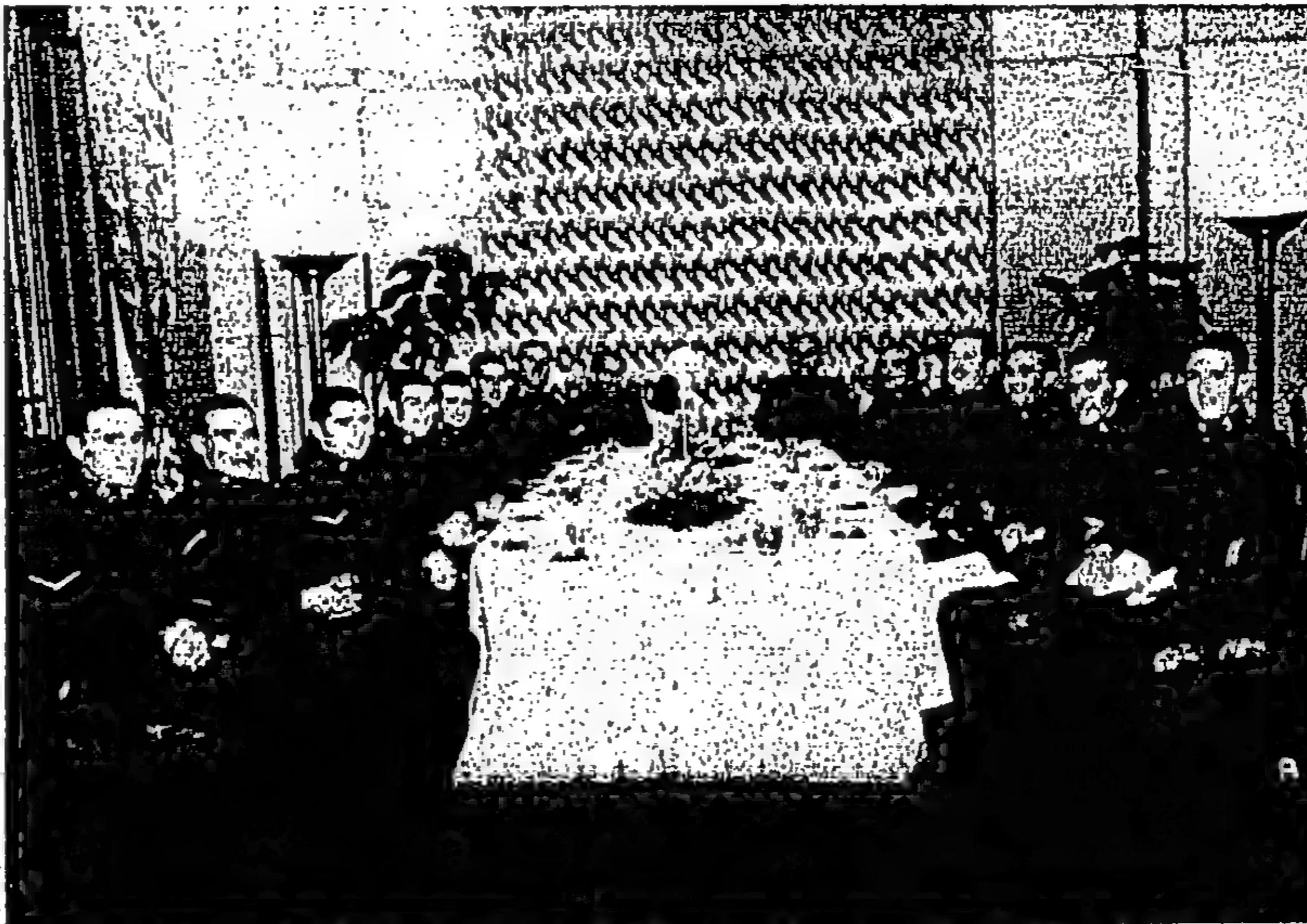
CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Dr Lo Chong-kei and his bride, formerly Miss Eva Loo, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on December 30. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

WARDENS' UNION—The Hongkong Air Raid Wardens' Union was formed last week when an inauguration meeting was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Picture below shows the large gathering present. In the picture on the left, Mr A. E. M. Rafeek, the chairman, is speaking. Behind him, seated, are Mr M. L. Bovan, Mr E. Manning, Mr A. E. Gerondal, Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr Tse Ka-po and Mr H. Sequeira. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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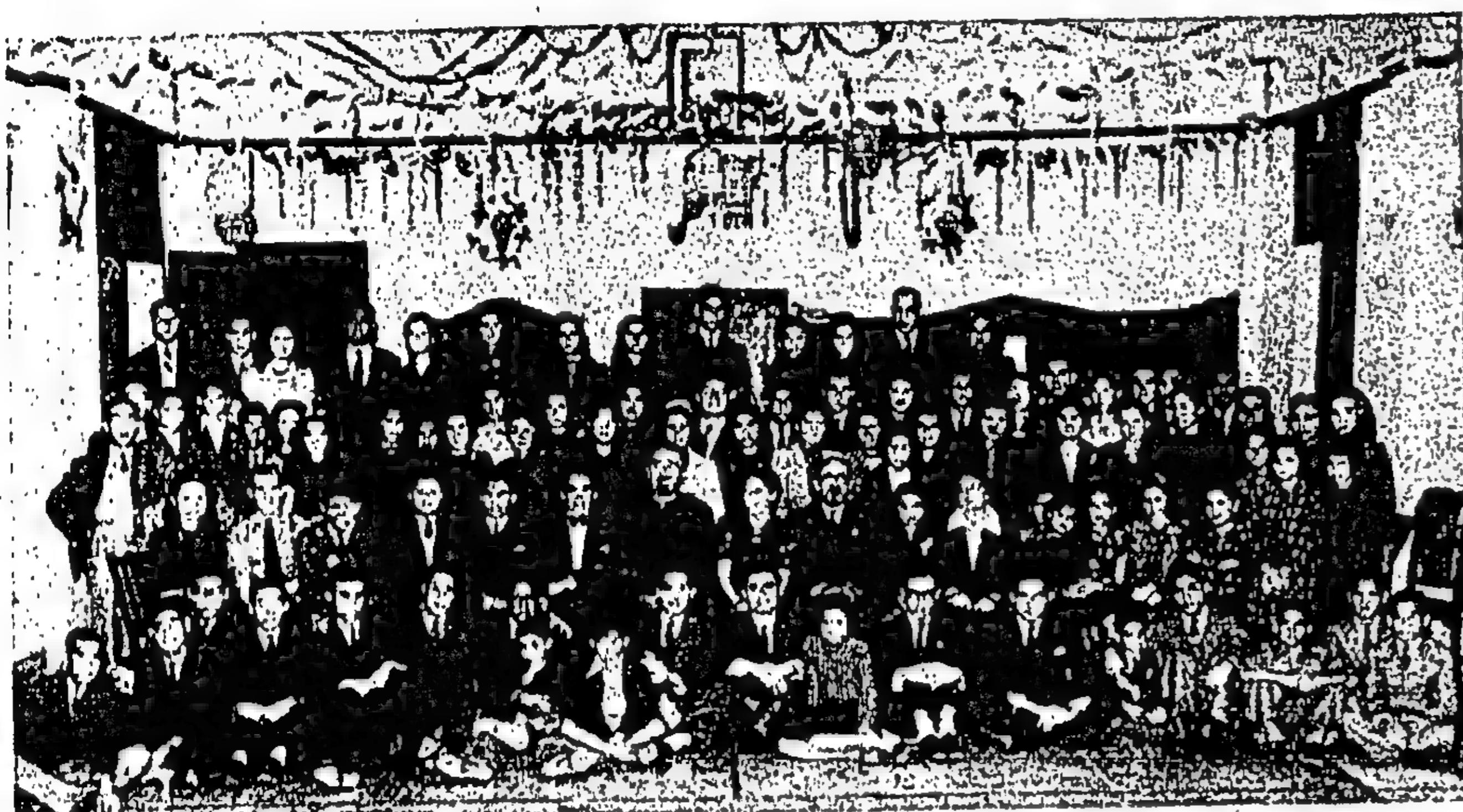
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MARRIED OFFICERS of the Hongkong Prison, Stanley, were entertained to a Christmas dinner by their bachelor colleagues. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



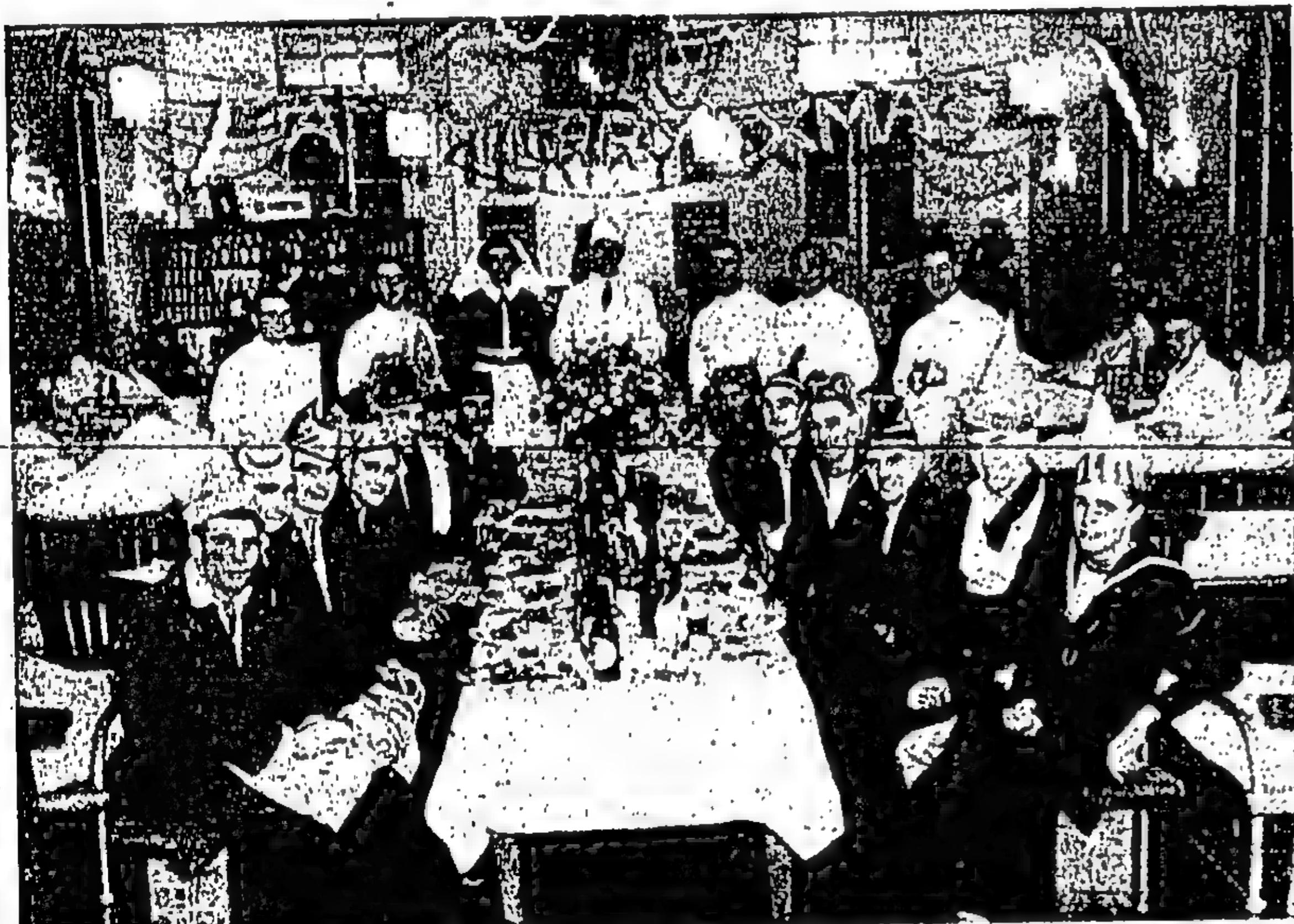
ANNUAL DINNER—Photograph taken at the annual dinner of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



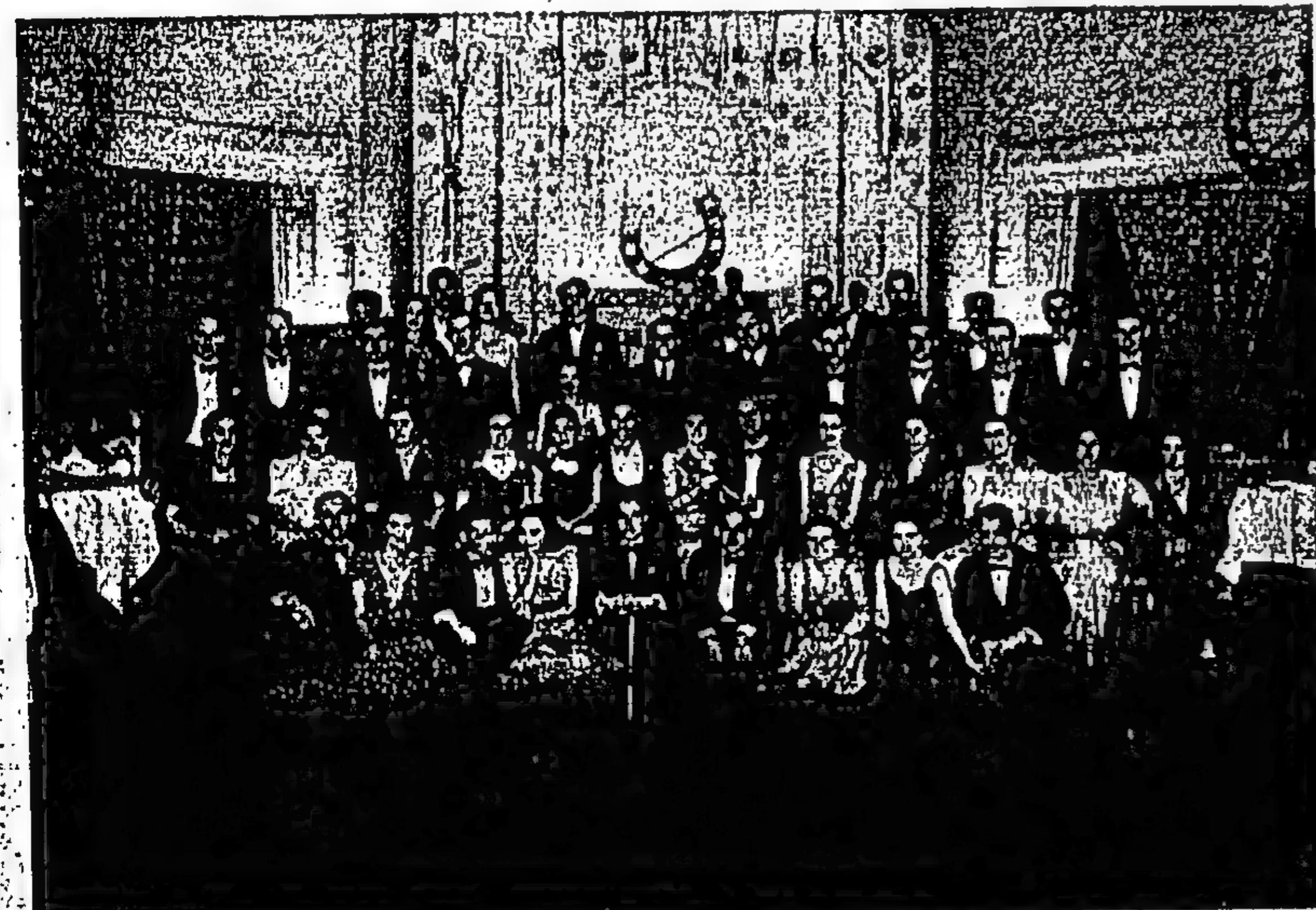
SOCIAL—Members of the St. Teresa's Church Young Men's Society and their guests at their recent Christmas party and social. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



VALEDICTORY—Chinese members of the staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., were hosts at dinner recently to Mr J. N. Swoony, who is leaving the Colony. (Photo: Sai Woo).



CHRISTMAS PARTY—A happy picture taken during a Christmas party held in one of the wards of the Royal Naval Hospital. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



DINNER DANCE—A large party photographed at the recent dinner dance of the Equine Sports Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The President of the Club, Mr H. S. Yung, is seated in the front row, fifth from the left. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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# The Uncensored Story Of How Europe Is Living To-Day

## BERLIN

BERLIN is the city with a "hangover"—a hangover from victory.

No metropolis in the world ever enjoyed such triumphs as the Berliners have done in the last few years. They have lined "Unter den Linden" in their tens of thousands and "heiled" victory procession after victory procession. They have thronged round the Chancellery to applaud their Führer on his latest stroke of success—Austria engulfed, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and then the over-running of Western Europe, culminating in the fantastic smashing of France.

### Confident—Then

Moreover, Goering had promised the city immunity from air attack. The early leaflet raids had been a joke. Berlin's A.A. defences had not brought down the raids because at that stage they did not want to disclose their disposition. The Berliners were free to enjoy their victories.

True, their city was much more drab than it used to be. There were no taxis in the streets and very little other traffic.

Their food had improved slightly with the conquest of the rich countries to the west, though restaurant prices were unpleasantly high.

They enjoyed the luxury of warm water on two days a week, and of real soap—as opposed to ersatz almost never. These hardships they accepted in the confidence that they would soon disappear.

But there was always a sub-acid flavour to these easy triumphs—and to-day comes the "hang-over."

The same Berliners, cramped and ill-tempered, crawl out of their shelters in the early hours of the morning after the nightly visitation of the R.A.F.—planes which were not supposed to come. They are asking themselves what exactly these triumphs add up to. They have gained a precarious empire and lost their personal security.

### Real Worry

They have cause to worry. Their city has more target areas than any other capital in Europe.

The Tempelhof airport is more central than Croydon is to London. Their arms factories are as important as those in the Ruhr. In the centre of densely populated areas are other great plants—the AEG—electricity works, the gigantic Siemens works, the aircraft factories.

To-day the Berliners are not quite the same paint for the butter that is coming in from Denmark or the coffee from Brussels, or the goods that have been looted from Paris.

He knows that these will come to an end—but he suspects, in spite of Dr. Goebbels, that the R.A.F. raids will go on and on.

As always, when the Berliner feels himself up against trouble, he takes refuge in a despondently cynical joke.

Their latest is to wish each other a "splinter-less" night.

## ROME

WHEN Italian A.A. guns dungeons, where the early blazed away in panic Christians were held prisoners some months ago at non-existent British planes over Rome have been cleared to shelter the citizens and injured two of their own modern Roman from the possible result of a new Imperial Axis howl went up that policy.

Britain had deliberately bombed the most sacred city in Europe, the centre of the Roman Catholic faith and the custodian of the greatest relics of Western civilisation.

The story was manifestly false, but, while failing to discredit the Allies, it has had the boomerang effect of raising an awkward doubt in the mind of the twentieth-century Roman.

He is not quite certain whether he has "safety ticket" in the countless memorials of Rome, its 400 odd churches and the sanctity of the Vatican City.

### Papal Colours

He has provided for eventualities in the typical Italian manner—without the organisation thoroughness of the senior partner in the Axis but with an eye to effect.

The churches are now picked out in the Papal colours of white and yellow to make identification easy from the air. Millions of sandbags are piled up against the ancient monuments of the city. The Colosseum

### Dodging Realities

Rome—unique among cities of Europe in its historical associations—is unique also in its position in this war.

Its citizens throng the streets and public parks and gardens looking at the monuments of the city's great past and hoping that they will protect them from the harsh realities of the present.

They need not be unduly apprehensive. Italy will be defeated without the necessity of bombing Rome from the air.

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## OSLO

THE Norwegians are not cowed. In their capital of Oslo they are making the Nazis uncomfortable.

The Germans began—characteristically—by placarding a shop "Jewish business."

The housewives of the quarter replied by forming a queue in the street and bringing the shopkeeper the best trade he had ever had.

That is just one instance.

### Five At A Film

Girls who walk, talk, or flirt with German soldiers have their heads shaven by their own friends and relatives.

Often everybody in a restaurant gets up and goes out when a German party comes in.

Likewise, the citizens are sabotaging any attempts made by the invaders to give the capital a "normal" appearance.

The Nazis made a gesture to the population by opening theatres and cinemas again. The people simply stayed away.

At a showing, one night, of the best film in Oslo, five people made up the house.

### A Typical Night

And that was a typical night.

There is rationing, of course—the tale which has to be told of any city which the Germans enter. But there is not, apparently, the acute food shortage

that exists elsewhere. Norway has always lived on the fat of the land.

In the cafes there are fights between Nazi troops and young Norwegians. The Horst Wessel Lied is often drowned by "Ja, vi elsker," the Norwegian National Anthem.

Demonstrations for a free Norway and King Haakon every day worry Himmler's Gestapo agents.

## WARSAW

WOODEN beams and metal girders from the 6,000 wrecked homes of Warsaw are now being sent to Germany to help repair the damage caused by R.A.F. bombs.

The capital of Poland, a year after the bombardments, is still finding and burying its dead.

### City Squares

In the city squares and greens, in the courtyards of mansion houses, haphazard graves dug between air raid alarms are yielding up corpses—and the metal handles of coffins needed by the German Reich.

The capital faces a winter of starvation, pestilence, and suffering beyond the ken of civilised man.

It is a city of living dead, more than 1,600 houses were razed to the ground and 4,000 bombed to ruins. There has been no restoration yet.

The Royal Palace, the Bank of National Economy, the Polytechnic, and the Hotel Bristol are heaps of masonry.

A German soldier who has been on duty in the town recently, said: "It is one great cemetery. Sow rats come up into houses looking for food. When they are caught they are eaten."

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### Endless Streams

Moscow is the city of endless streams of pedestrians. It is one of the busiest places in the world—there is hardly a car in it. That is one of the quickest ways of forming an impression of its standard of living. All the morning, all the afternoon, and in the early evening, when the Civil Servants with their portfolios leave their innumerable offices and mingle with the homing crowds, Moscow is a stuffy, suburban town, tanned and relaxed, their arms full of wild flowers, their baskets full of mushy workers. The famous shops rooms.

Rather like the Berliners, the Russians in Moscow make great play of their day of rest. They use it for relaxation and for getting sunburnt. They return to Moscow packed in the stuffy suburban trains, tanned and relaxed, their arms full of wild flowers, their baskets full of mushy workers. The famous shops rooms.

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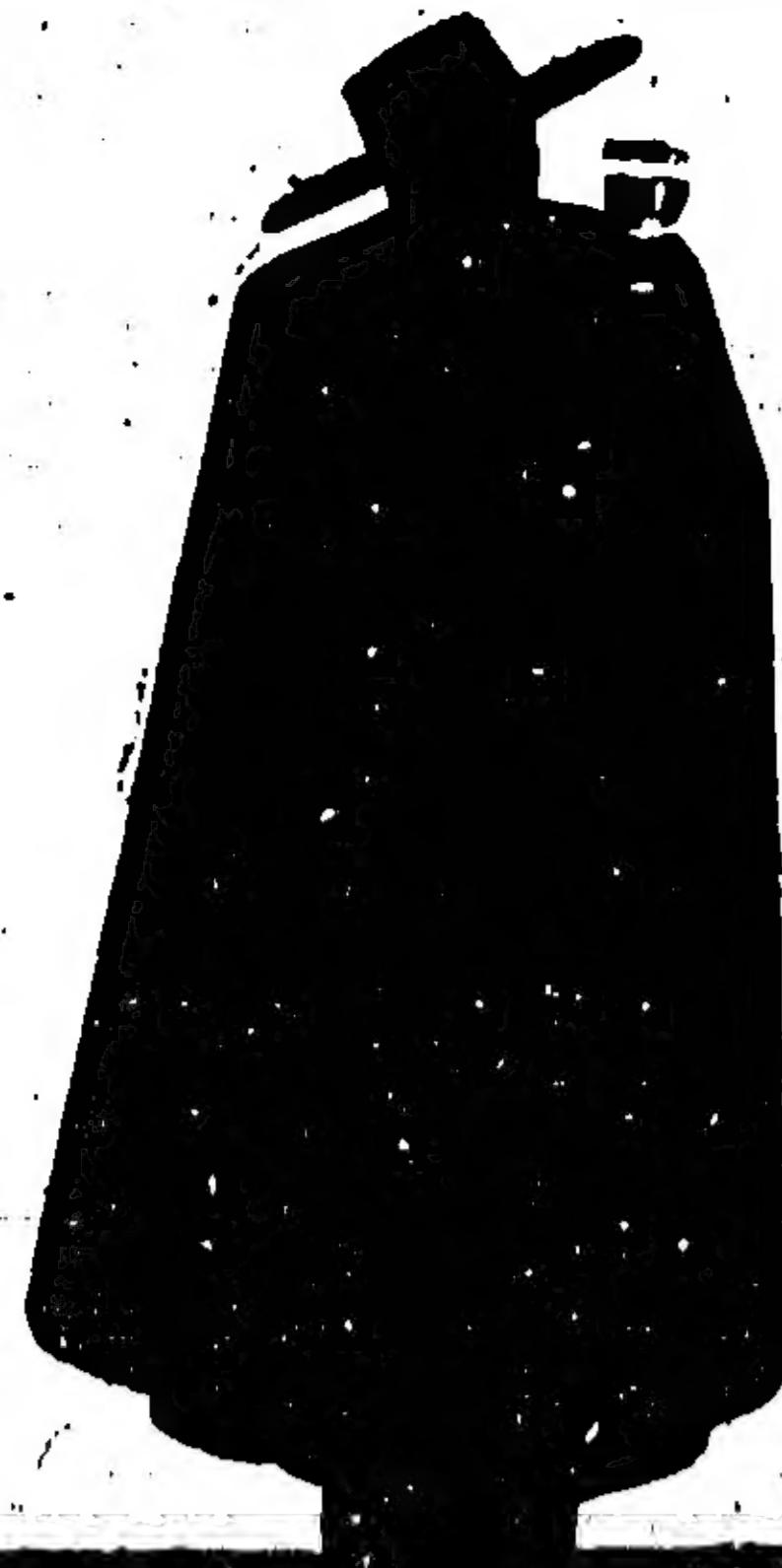
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It seems that Morgan's novels need to be reread to be properly appreciated. With "The Voyage," it is the same. If the reader does not willingly and with submission enter the realm that the novelist has created, he is not your author. Accept his kingdom, and your reward is splendid.

Morgan's world is a kind of spiritual world that is hard to enter, but there his characters, always noble and simple of heart, meet and talk. And to penetrate to that land, it is necessary for the reader to be at heart "as a little child."

The present book is an analysis of the love of Barbet, the bird-loving, idealistic hero, and Therese, a girl from an opposite world. The tale is tenderly and poetically told, and is moving in a quiet, intelligent way. It is certainly a novel to be read—and perhaps is the best published in the last season.

"Babes in the Darkling Wood." By H. G. Wells. (Secker and Warburg, 9d. 6d.)

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characters he has expressed his own hopes and forebodings, his own philosophy.

The "babes" in his latest novel are a pair of well-educated, highly sensitive youngsters. They love each other, and their love fans the flame of social passion; intensifies their desire to carve out a better world.

It is really Mr Wells—in his eternal youth—talking; and it is Mr Wells talking through the Cambridge Don and telling the disciples of Freud where they have gone off the track. For

## BOOKS

opposition there are the boy's explosive uncle and the girl's conventional mother. There are brilliant descriptions of the horrors of war in Poland and Finland, and the author has given his characters sufficient individuality to make the reader interested in their long dissertations. This is an urgent novel for the times.

"The Black Baroness." By Dennis Wheatley. (Hutchinson, 9s 6d.)

Hitler's secret weapon, it appears, was the Black Baroness, who was the secret commander-in-chief of the female section of

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The secret agent, Gregory Sallust, is always on her track, and the story of his intrepid adventures, together with the day-by-day account of the tragic events between last spring and the fall of France, will attract Mr Wheatley's admirers. It is all rather naive, although nothing in the book is as disarming as the author's apology for his "slipshod" grammar in the preliminary "note."

"Two Feet from Heaven." By P. C. Wren. (Murray, 8s. 6d.)

This story grips and stirs the emotions in the true Wren style. It shows how the life of Richard Neystoke, the charming vicar of Little Pudding, is marred and finally blasted, not by the memory of an isolated sin of the past, but in his complete inability at any time in his career to face up to life and accept reverse or responsibilities.

A further indictment of the hard life and conditions under which the poor live; and a revelation of how skilful psycho-analysis can help in the treatment of illness; of both of which Major Wren writes seriously and convincingly.

### Other Books To Read

"Siren Song." By A. P. Herbert. (Methuen, 3s. 6d.)

"One, Two, Buckle My Shoe." By Agatha Christie. (Collins, 7s. 6d.)

"Memoirs of Madame Pilsudski." By Lotte in Weimar. By Thomas Mann. (Secker and Warburg, 9s. 6d.)

"Jorkens Has a Large Whisky Key." By Lord Dunsany. (Putnam, 8s. 6d.)

## The SNAPSHOT GUILD PICTURES ON THE STAIRS



The staircase is often an ideal spot for snapshots at home. In this picture of a small girl off to her afternoon nap, note how an interesting effect of sunshine and shadow has been created by clever placing of photo lights.

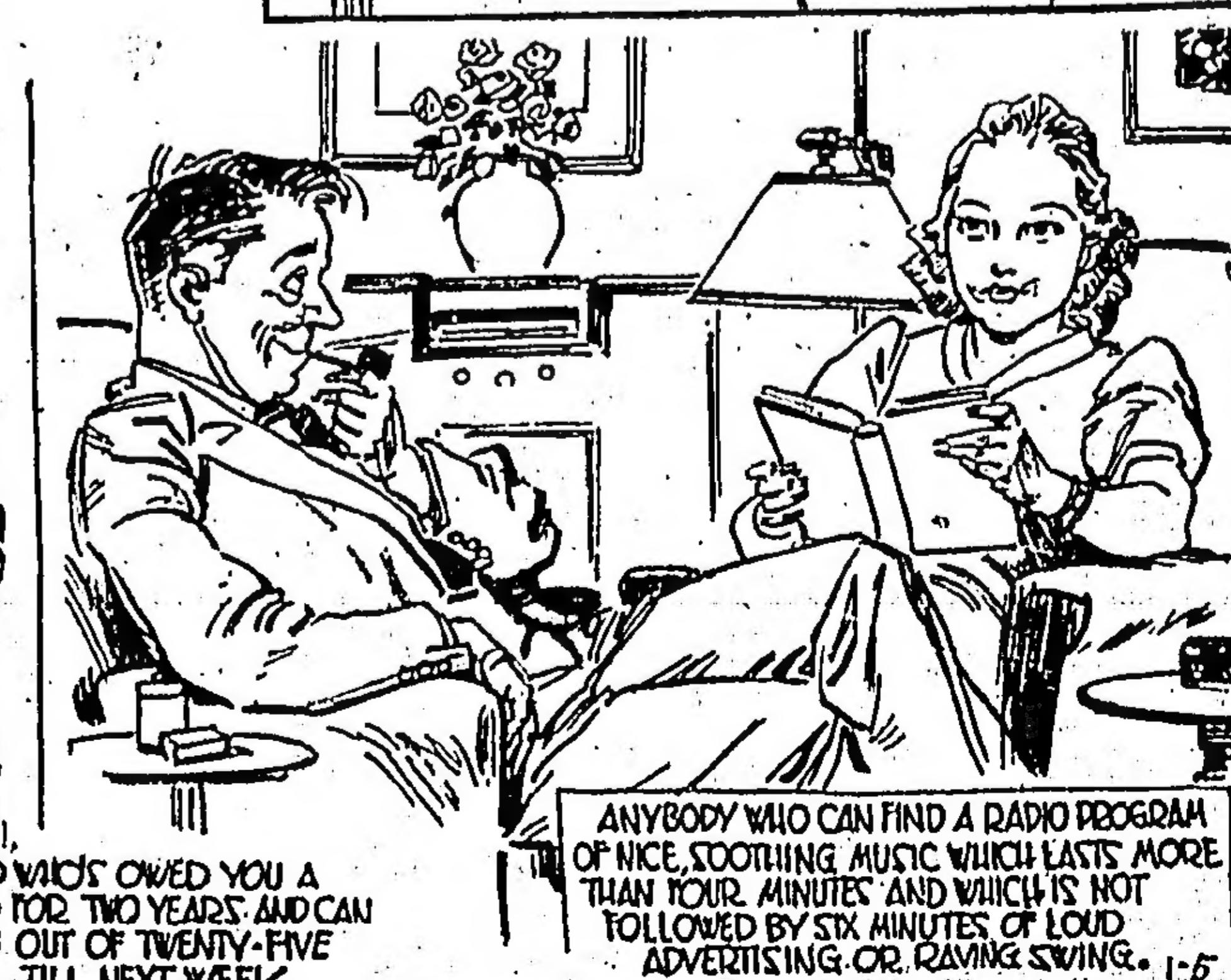
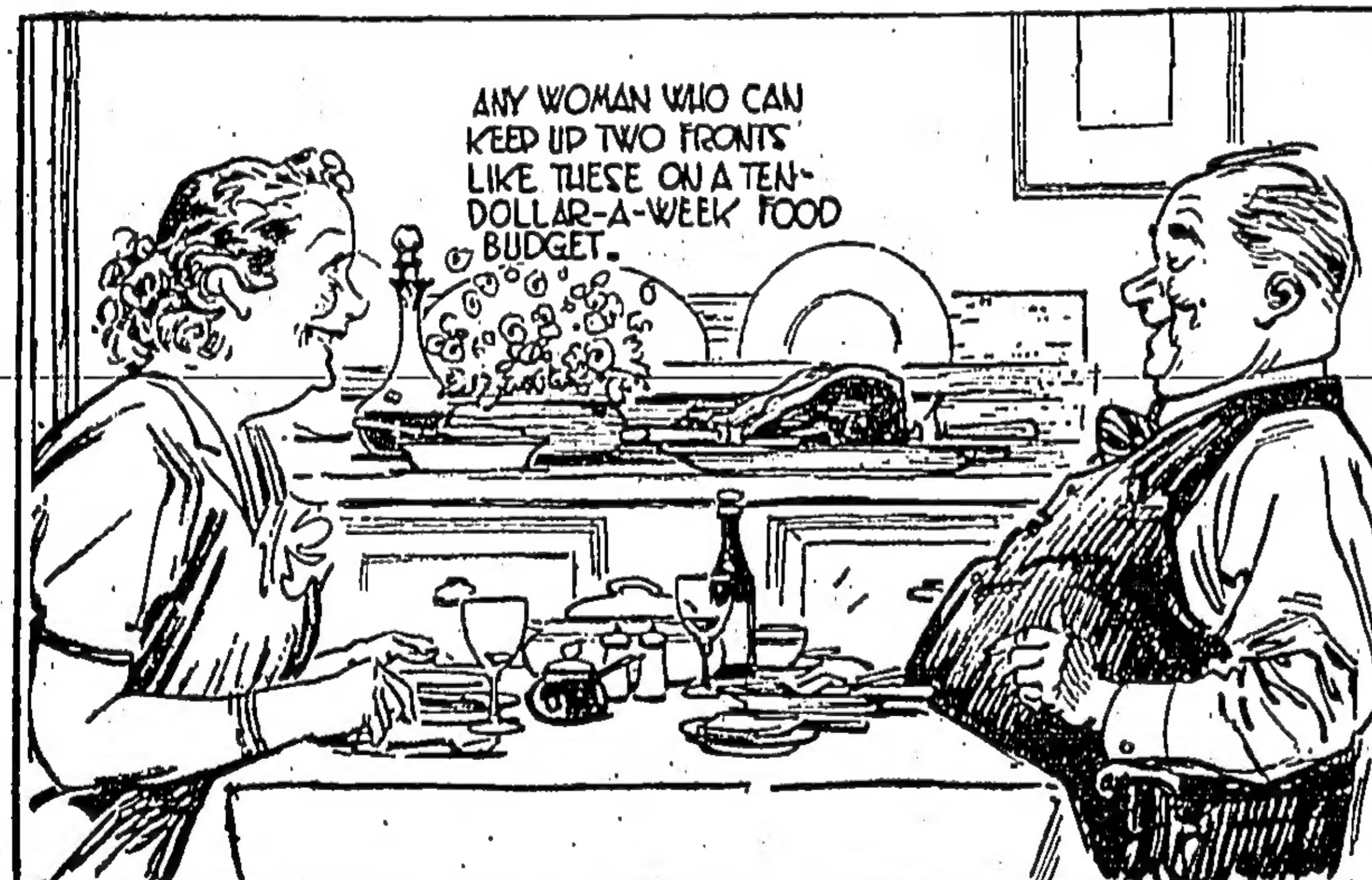
IN MANY houses, one of the best picture locations—and one of the most neglected—is the stairway. If you've never taken pictures on the stairs, give some thought to it now—there may be any number of unusual picture opportunities waiting for you.

Stairs may be used as a background to make a person appear taller, and they are especially good as a setting for snapshots of the children, with a "bedtime" or "breakfast-time" theme. Some stairways lend themselves to interesting angle shots and novel compositions.

Try your hand at "staircase snapshots." Experiment with various picture ideas, lighting effects, and camera angles, and the chances are you'll find a number of good shots to add to your picture collection.

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Big game hunting seems to be a matter of minor importance nowadays when so many people are using guns for other purposes, but "Safari," which comes to the Queen's Theatre tomorrow, has an air of topicality.

The hero, leader of countless hunting expeditions in Africa, is anxious, though an American, to have a share in the war. The European volcano is about to burst before the hunting trip has started, and when it is over the leader and the lady friend of the financier of the expedition have decided to face the new life together.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., looks the part as the virile American who exclaims, "This war is everybody's business," and Madeleine Carroll, as the lady in the piece, is her usual charming self. Tullio Carminati is appropriately imposing as the wealthy baron who promotes the hunting trip.

There is lively action in the film, and the jungle, with its wild inhabitants, provides a colourful background.

## The Cisco Kid and the Lady

On the screen of the King's Theatre's to-morrow, O. Henry's famous bandit returns in another exposition of colourful dare-deviltry.

This time, the Kid is bequeathed a share of a gold mine map, the other portion being in the hands of the bad men. The action of the film revolves around the efforts of respective sides to determine the exact location of the mine. It is unnecessary, perhaps, to state that the Kid finally emerge winner.

Cesar Romero has stepped easily into the shoes of Warner Baxter in the role of the Cisco Kid. He is a gorgeously-swaggering bandit of the Robin Hood type, and a Galahad thrown into the bargain.

Marjorie Weaver plays the school teacher to whom the Kid turns over the mine, and Virginia Field, whose acting in "Of Mice and Men" many will remember, is the robust saloon maid who clearly knows where to hide the map in an emergency. Comedy proceeds from Chris-Pin Martin as an obese caballero, and the villainy in the piece is in the hands of Robert Barrat.

## Britain's R.A.F.

This "March of Time" production, made with the help of the Air Ministry, is showing at the King's next week together with the film, "Men Against the Sky."

It is a factual record of R.A.F. organisation and achievement. First we are conducted behind the scenes of a day-to-day air raid to the nerve centres of defence.

Bombers are signalled approaching the coast, Spifires and Hurricanes crowd the sky, moving in long, straight decimating lines to their targets. The roar of engines, battle-hymn of the fighters, comes up like thunder behind.

Then we cut to the work of organising the fight—to the Bomber, Fighter and Coastal Commands.

The massing of our air resources, men and machines, piling up from every part of the Empire, is vividly presented.

Force! The Royal Air Force. Here it is, in thought and action, a sky-full of heroes, and no one can afford to miss it.



## Songs Switch From KHAKI TO KISSES

By ERNEST BETTS

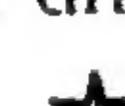
WHAT has happened to the gay, melodious, temperamental song-hit trade since the rafters rang with all those war tunes?

What is Tin Pan Alley doing? What songs will charm us from Hollywood this winter, what themes arise from the trumpets of Charing Cross-road?

A few months ago every new film, every big broadcast, every great chorus rolled out a barrel or hung out the washing on the Siegfried Line.

R.A.F. men, Army men, at canteens and smokers, said Good-bye to Sally or Followed the White Line or yelled "Kiss Me Good-night, Sergeant-Major," to an accompaniment of fruity wisecracks unacknowledged by King's Regulations.

Gracie Fields sang "The Grandest Song of All," "There'll Always be an England" sang Gracie.



That seems a long time ago.

The music publishers have been very cagey about their plans ever since.

What is to replace those memorable ditties?

I will tell you.

Sentimental numbers, old-fashioned songs, songs of lovers and romantics, intimate and snappy duets. And no musical notes about the war.

The new vogue is post-Dunkirk. After Dunkirk nobody wanted military marches, bugles, drumbeats.

Hence the current transformation.

Did you know that the four biggest hits at the moment in Britain, not excepting the work of Bing Crosby, Deanna Durbin, and Judy Garland, are headed by a simple, almost Victorian balled?

It is called "I'll Walk With You," and has already sold 100,000 copies. That, my dear Toscanini, is real music.

After the ballad, Cole Porter's melodious muse arrives with "Begin the Beguine." It is fifteen months old. After that, "All The Things You Are," by Jerome ("Showboat") Kern hits the keyboard.



Frances Day is singing this in her new play now on tour, "Divorce for Chrysostom." If Frances starts something like this you can bet your life it will continue. It is the biggest hit since "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

Then comes a ten-year-old number, "Sleepy Lagoon," by Eric Coates. Dorothy Carless, the B.B.C.'s Number One vocalist, has given new life to this number on the air.

Carroll Gibbons, who plays at the Savoy and is a sort of humming bee of popular songs, thinks we're in for a big romantic revival in popular music.

"Revivals are enormously popular," he told me. Judy Garland's song, "I'm Nobody's Baby," from the latest "Andy Hardy" film, is a case in point. It was written in 1922!

Carroll is confirmed by the Hollywood film men. "No, No, Nanette," "Little Nelly Kelly," even "Bitter Sweet," which will be coming to you shortly, have the nostalgic flavour of fluttering hearts and magic moons.

More modern but still, fluttering is the music to Bing Crosby's "Rhythm on the River" and M.G.M.'s "Strike Up The Band," which is an old Gershwin core revived.

Finally, Deanna Durbin and Marlene Dietrich are falling in love again in brace of light fantastic musicals—the first in "Spring Parade" and the second in "Seven Sinners."

## A Line on Hollywood

Jimmy Stewart landing his plane at Clover Field and discovering himself in the middle of a flock of expert pilots . . . Maureen O'Sullivan making her first public speech before 5700 persons at a benefit in Ottawa, Canada . . . Ann Sothern shopping for a copper-topped coffee table for her sunporch . . . Hedy Lamarr giving an impromptu song recital between scenes on the "Comradex X" set . . . Jennifer MacDonald making preparations for her concert tour this winter . . . Nelson Eddy busy making new phonograph recordings . . . Bob Taylor's flying teacher, Max Constat, off to Hagerstown, Maryland, to pick up Taylor's new ship . . . Ruth Hussey buying two Oriental rugs and a priceless chest at the auction of the estate of Princess Den Ling . . . Greer Garson off on a ten-day trip over the Redwood Highway . . . Clark Gable spraying his orange trees in anticipation of a record crop of fruit . . . he's getting more spray on himself than on the trees, he says . . . Jack Conway's prize black Angus bull capturing the first prize at the County Fair . . . Katharine Hepburn receiving wires of congratulation from the film cast of "Philadelphia Story" when she opened with a re-run of the play . . . George Cukor off on a trip to New York to see the new shows . . . Norma Shearer spending the few remaining days at the seashore taking advantage of the warm weather at her beach home . . . Ann Rutherford returning to Greenville, South Carolina, for the annual Cotton Festival . . . June Preisser entertaining her brother Samuel from New Orleans . . . Billie Burke considering an offer to appear in a stage play . . . Marjorie Main compiling material for a book on the life of her husband, Dr. Stanley Krebs . . . Judy Garland parting with her tonsils at a local hospital . . . Dan Dailey, Jr., spending spare hours breaking in a new horse . . . Lane Turner back from San Francisco where she was maid of honor at the wedding of a school chum . . . Virginia Welder taking a library course in the Research Department at the studio . . . Joan Crawford completing the reading of 125 plays in New York . . . Myrna Loy out on a shopping tour for winter hats—she buys hats first, then the dresses to go with them.

## Barrymore Writing Memoirs

Lionel Barrymore, between etching and composing music, has finally made up his mind to pursue a plan he has had for many years. He has started writing his memoirs of stage and screen.

Three chapters have already been completed, dealing with his early stage days, his parents, John Drew, Modjeska and other famous Broadway figures. He tells of great performances, with intimate notes on Nat Goodwin, James A. Herne and others.

In further chapters he will go into early screen days with D.W. Griffith, and carry the narrative up to the present time.

Several publishers have been urging him for years to write the story of his career.



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